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CHINESE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES

CCP RECOGNIZES DEMOCRATIC PARTIES -- Shen Pao, 3 Mar 49

As announced in a Communist broadcast, the following is a list of democratic parties and groups recognized by the CCP. In a series of brief historical sketches on democratic parties and groups presented in the Ta-lien Jih-pao on 11 September 1948, numbers 5, 6, and 7 below were not included. The China Farmer-Labor Party, also known as the Third Party and then headed by Chang Po-chun and P'eng Tse-min, did appear.

1. KMT Revolutionary Committee (headed by Li Chi-han [Chai-sun])
2. China Democratic League (Shen Chun-ju)
3. China Society for Promoting Democracy (Ma Shu-lun)
4. People's National Salvation Society (Sha Ch'ien-li)
5. Federated Associations of San Min Chu I Comrades in the KMT
[No name given]
6. KMT Society for the Promotion of Democracy (Ts'ai Ting-chieh)
7. Democratic National Reconstruction Society (Chang Nai-ch'i)
8. Chung-kuo Chih Kung Tang (China Party for the Achievement of
[Social/ Justice])

ACHIEVEMENT OF JUSTICE PARTY HISTORY -- Ta-lien Jih-pao, 11 Sep 48

An organization known as the Hung Men was established during the Ch'ing Dynasty to aid in overthrowing the Manchus and restoring the Ming Dynasty. After the T'ai-p'ing Rebellion failed, Hung Men leader Yang Fu-ch'ing went to the US and founded the Hung Men Society.

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In March 1944, the New York Hung Men Society summoned an assembly of all Hung Men societies in the US. It was decided to change the name of the American Chih Kung Tang (Party for the Achievement of Justice) to the China Hung Men Chih Kung Tang. Its platform was to achieve complete sovereignty for China, abolish one-party rule and achieve democratic government. In 1946, the leader of the party, Ssu-t'u Mei-t'ang, returned to China planning to organize a party in Shang-hai, but he was opposed and resigned from the party. Its leader is now Ch'en Ch'i-wen.

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